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SUBJECT: IEA: MARCH 19-20 GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION OF
DATA AGGREGATION ISSUE

1. AT MARCH 19-20 MEETING, GOVERNING BOARD POSTPONED DISCUSSION OF WHETHER DATA FOR THE GENERAL SECTION OF THE IEA INFORMATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN AGGREGATED FORM OR ON AN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY BASIS. STANDING GROUP ON OIL MARKET (SOM) HAD AGREED TO RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT AT ITS MEETING MARCH 18.

2. AT INSISTENCE GERMAN DELEGATION, WHICH WAS UNWILLING TO BUDGE FROM ITS POSITION IN FAVOR OF BROAD ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANY DATA FOR IEA MEMBERS, SOM DID NOT CONSIDER VARIOUS SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOR COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE. GERMAN DEL, SUPPORTED BY ITALIAN DEL AND SOME OTHERS, WISHED TO HAVE GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION IN DEPTH, IN CONTEXT OF "SOLIDARITY" AND "POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS." THIS WAS OPPOSED BY CANADIAN DEL (PRIDDLE) ON GROUNDS CANADIAN DELEGATE TO GOVERNING
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BOARD NOT YET ADEQUATELY BRIEFED. SOM THEN AGREED TO

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TAKE UP ISSUE AT ITS NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16-17, AND TO RECOMMEND THAT FOLLOWING MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSS ISSUE IF, AS EXPECTED, SOM DID NOT REACH AGREEMENT.

3. ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WAS REPORT BY CANADIAN DELEGATE THAT OBTAINING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TRANSMIT INDIVIDUAL COMPANY DATA TO THE IEA WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT FOR CANADA THAN HE PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED, AS IT WOULD INVOLVE, INTER ALIA, PERSUADING PROVINCES TO PASS APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION. TURNER

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